

Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes

April 12, 2017

Meeting Attendance

Voting Members Present: Erin Clancy, Julie Allison, PJ West, Carla Peterson, Kimberly Villotti, Lori Lynn Ahrends, and Rae Miller

Voting Members Absent: Stephanie Peters, Dr. Beth Van Meeteren

Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Shihadeh, Lora Patton

Non-Voting Members Absent: Judy Russell, Tom Rendon

Staff to Council: Amy Stegeman and Amanda Winslow

Secretary: Julie Carmer

Guest: Dr. Linda Fitzgerald

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Erin Clancy, CDCC Chair. A short round of introductions were done.

ACTION Item:

Approval of February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Erin asked for any comments or edits to February 15, 2017 minutes. No edits were suggested. A motion was made by PJ West and seconded by Carla Peterson to approve the February 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

FY17 Budget Reduction Update

Kimberly Villotti shared that the FY17 Budget would have a 3.75% reduction, due to SF130. This was announced to the grantees on March 15, 2017. In response to the reductions all grantees, preschool and parent support, needed to submit an updated budget to reflect the reduced award. All fourth quarter payments will be sent and reflect the reduction in that payment. Budget negotiations were due by April 7, 2017.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Learning Supports Conference May 9 and 10, 2017 updates

- Registration will close on May 2, 2017. So far there are 440 registered. This conference has been posted in the School Leader Update. The \$5,000 budget for Shared Visions Preschool participant stipends, as previously voted on

regarding the use of these funds, was reduced to the 3.75% reduction. Programs may be provided a minimum of \$48.12 per attending participant if there are 100 Shared Visions program invoices received. Programs will need to submit an “invoice” for participants sent and DE staff will confirm the list with attendance sign-in sheets. Programs will have 30 days from the event to submit their reimbursement request. Reimbursement amounts will be increased if fewer requests are received.

- Amanda shared a draft schedule of the session breakouts. The sessions on the new *Teaching Strategies* platform will be limited to a total of 150 participants; being three sessions with 50 participants each. One session is specific to administrators and the other two are specific to the teaching role. Council members were provided a handout with the session details.
- One of the featured sessions will be available for 50 participants for STEM. This will be presented by Dr. Beth Van Meeteren and Sherri Peterson. The Industrial Technology students at UNI will be making the ramps for the STEM session and participants will be able to take these materials back to their classrooms for implementation. There will also be two sessions offered on Early Childhood Mathematics and Games and up to 100 participants will be provided with three games to bring back to their classrooms.
- Council members are encouraged to go back to your AEA, school district, university or agency and spread the word about the conference. Registration website is as follows: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/event/2017-learning-supports-spring-conference>

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Duties of the Council

The Council reviewed the Duties of the Council handout. The Council brainstormed resources needed to pursue this activity. The Council determined that the group should continue working on duties as most prevalent for the time. The discussion focused on the following duty of the Council as stated in 256A.3(4): *Make recommendations to the department of education and the general assembly regarding appropriate curricula and staff qualifications and training for early elementary education, coordination of the curricula with child development programs, and the development of an at-risk children definition for use in school-district-sponsored early elementary and before and after school child care programs.*

The Council asked the following questions to guide the discussion: What do we need to collect to continue this work? What do we need to know about what currently exists? The group discussed definitions of the terms within this section, such as *early elementary*. The group also listed items to consider during continued work to include: code was written in the 1980's, supporting children at-risk, teacher and provider qualifications, before and after school child care, 21st Century, Charter Schools, and opportunities for collaboration. The Council discussed potential recommendations such as recommending that teachers in K-3 have an early childhood endorsement. Additionally, the Council determined that additional time would be needed for these

conversations at future Council meetings to discuss recommendations that align with best practice and changes in responsibilities and or Code. In preparation for these further conversations, it was recommended that department staff ask for clarification from Department legal counsel for some of the terms in code and the authority that the Council has for this work.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:
Updates from Staff

Preschool Program Updates

- On March 15, 2017 College Community Prairie View Elementary Shared Visions Preschool program contacted Department staff and shared NAEYC communication that their program received NAEYC accreditation. The Council had previously accepted their waiver but will not need to act on it.
- On March 27, 2017 Ottumwa Community School District Shared Vision Preschool program contacted Department staff and shared that NAEYC confirmed their site visit window: April 3 through April 21, 2017
- Teaching Strategies GOLD®-- The current GOLD platform will be updated to *MyTeachingStrategies™* to include a developmental continuum for birth through third grade. On April 14, 2017, there will be a joint webinar by Department and Teaching Strategies staff that will provide an overview of the new user interface as well as some of the new features that will be available. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the Teaching Strategies support page for Iowa. Teaching Strategies has developed an FAQ for Administrators and Teachers that will address many questions users may have about *MyTeachingStrategies™*.
- Renewal Application--Amy and Amanda will be preparing communication for grantees regarding the upcoming annual renewal application. It is anticipated that renewal applications will be available to grantees no later than the end of May. Programs will need to complete all of the renewal application, with exception of the budget page if the appropriation is not yet available. Once the state appropriation is finalized, they will alert grantees of the award amounts and ask them to complete the budget page and submit the entire renewal application.
- Year-End Reports--The year-end reports will be in IowaGrants again and are anticipated to become available for grantees during the middle of June with a due date of July 31, 2017.

Parent Support Program Updates

- Renewal applications and year-end reports will be in IowaGrants as described for preschool grantees. However, the year-end report in IowaGrants will be reviewed to reduce duplication between IowaGrants and DAISEY.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:
CDCC Member Updates

Dr. Linda Fitzgerald: The new Learning Center at the University of Northern Iowa is now open. Linda also shared that the Governor's STEM Advisory Council received a grant to provide professional development to emphasize how to expand STEM into interest

areas within the preschool classroom. There are six STEM Scale Up hubs across the state and there are at least 70 interested teachers.

PJ West: Innovation grant was awarded to MIECHV. A one-page flyer will be sent to Council members detailing plans for the grant. It will offer family support professionals opportunities to grow skills and advance careers.

Carla Peterson: During a conference for early childhood development there was a session focused on a population-wide promotion of child development programs; Durham Connects has a nice website which includes research by Ken Dodge from Kent University. The big idea is to welcome every pregnant woman and baby and connect them with resources within the community. They are trying to align all funding sources rather than silo out the sources and programs.

Mary Shihadeh: Three service centers' coordinated intake has been wonderful, resulting in less duplication of services. There has been clarification regarding no automatic qualifiers for Part C but coordinated intake helps to connect children and families to services as needed. Eligibility trainings are occurring to further support alignment to the procedures as detailed in code and rule. Early childhood coaching model is a model to coach the caregiver to provide the interventions needed to support the child. There are also trainings occurring on Family-Guided Routines.

Rae Miller: University of Iowa's Stead Family Children's Hospital is now open. Critical Conversation Conference will be held on April 21, 2017 and will bring in experts from across the state to talk about disparities in health. This will be held in Carroll, Iowa.

Kimberly Villotti: The next phase in the Iowa Early Learning Standards team revisions are moving ahead as the drafts are now with Iowa AEYC for further review and vetting. Reductions are anticipated to occur in future fiscal year(s) but these have not yet been determined. Teaching Strategies will issue *MyTeachingStrategies* this fall as this will be the new platform for GOLD. The new platform will be for birth through third grade. The Department of Education is working on some alignment issues and will be ready for fall.

Lori Lynn: Para 1 and Para 2 trainings are occurring. Programs she works with are looking to expand services in order to address waiting lists. They are also offering screenings (hearing, vision, developmental) for children once per month in public settings such as libraries.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:
Shared Visions Preschool Program Evaluation Update

Information from the teacher survey is being reviewed and analyzed. It will be embedded within a final report that address the evaluation questions. Our next call with the University of Iowa is next week and we will have more to share at the next meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:
Develop Council Bylaws

The Council reviewed the draft, discussed the purpose of the by-laws and items to include. The group made recommendations for the first few sections, then determined the need to pause discussion and utilize resources to inform their work. The work will be continued at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- Webinar - Presentation (Zoom meeting) by Julie Allison
 - Follow up the presentation with a conversation related to CDCC Duty #3 and work with competitive grants/areas of need in the state
- Continue to work on bylaws
- Review final report from program evaluation

Future Council meeting dates:

July 19, 2017 – Zoom meeting--Lunch-- bylaws conversation in-person. Grimes Building- B50; 10:00am-3:00pm

Adjourn

Motion for meeting to adjourn by Kimberly Villotti and seconded by Rae Miller
Motion granted--meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.